**Non-Payment of Crop Insurance Money to Cyclone Victims**

492. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of farmers affected in last super cyclone in Korai Block, Rasulpur Block, Jajpur Block have not received the crop insurance and those who have got only five per cent to ten per cent of the total crop loss; and

(b) whether GIC for its interest has played a role to see the crop loss is shown less?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Admissible claims for Kharif 1999 season for Orissa amounting to Rs. 66.54 crore have since been paid. Claims paid for the areas under Korai, Rasulpur and Jajpur blocks are given below:

*Claims Paid (Rs.)*

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| Korai Block | 33,56,363 |
| Rasulpur Block | 5,21,001 |
| Jajpur Block | 1,11,05,748 |

Crop loss based on which the claims are worked out by the Implementing Agency in above mentioned blocks ranges between 5% to 93.8%.

(b) No Sir. The mechanism for working out claims is that whenever, actual average yield of the notified area falls short of the threshold yield, indemnity claims become payable. The Implementing Agency (GIC) works out the payable claims on the basis of average yield data supplied by the concerned State Government. Therefore, question of inflating or deflating the crop loss by the Implementing Agency does not arise.